



Basic Orientation Guide

From the Our Amazing Grace Foundation

2. Basic Steps to Adopt

What Is Adoption?

Adoption is the legal and emotional process through which a family permanently welcomes a child into their home and life forever.

Adoption is more than just a legal process.

It is a commitment to love, identity, belonging, and family.

A Crucial Point About Adoption: It is important to understand that adoption is permanent.

Unlike foster care, which is typically temporary, adoption means:

Legally and permanently becoming a family.

Creating a lifelong home.

Walking together through every stage of the future.

That is why it is important to be emotionally prepared and to fully understand the difference between foster care and adoption before beginning the process.

Basic Steps to Adopt

1. Pray and Consider the Calling

Adoption requires:

Love.

Patience.

Family unity.

Long-term commitment.

Discuss this as a family:

Are we prepared?

Why do we want to adopt?

How can we serve a child who needs a home?

2. Get Informed and Find an Agency

Each state and agency may have different processes.

How to Search on Google

Examples:

"How to adopt a child in Florida"

"Adoption agencies near me"

"Christian adoption agencies"

"Foster-to-adopt program"

"How to adopt a child in Texas"

"Adoption agencies in my state"

What to Look For

Verify that the agency:

Is licensed.

Has adoption experience.

Clearly explains costs and processes. Offers guidance and support.

Operates legally in your state.

Questions You Can Ask

What types of adoption do you offer?

How long does the process take?

What are the costs?

What training is required?

How does the home study work?

What support do you offer families?

3. Learn About Types of Adoption

There are different paths:

Domestic adoption.

International adoption.

Adoption through foster care.

Relative adoption.

Each process has different requirements.

4. Receive Training and Education

You will learn about:

Trauma.

Emotional attachment.

Identity.

Transitions.

The emotional needs of adopted children.

Preparation is part of love.

5. Complete the Home Study

The "home study" is an assessment of the home and family.

It includes:

Interviews.

Home inspection.

Background checks.

Basic financial overview.

References.

Family assessment.

It does not seek perfection; it seeks stability, safety, and preparedness.

6. Await the Matching Process

This period may require:

Patience.

Faith.

Flexibility.

Emotional preparation.

Every story and every child is unique.

7. Welcome the Child and Begin the Transition

The transition may include:

Visits.

Emotional adjustment.

Counseling.

New routines.

Time to build trust.

Love is built day by day.

8. Finalization of the Adoption

When the legal process concludes:

The child officially becomes a permanent part of the family.

A new story of hope and belonging is established.

Something Very Important

Many adopted children come from difficult backgrounds.

Adoption requires:

Patience.

Consistency.

Grace.

Emotional and spiritual support.

Our Vision

At Our Amazing Grace Foundation, we believe that adoption reflects love, restoration, and family.

We believe every child deserves to hear: "You belong here. You are loved here."